



TWO SCHWINN BIKES OFFERED

Ben and Paul Smith, owners of the Torrance Cycle and Sports shop, 1421 Marcelina, are donating two Schwinn bikes in the Torrance Press "Dear Santa" contest. A boy and girl winner will be chosen for writing the best letter to Santa.

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Deadline Extended In 'Dear Santa' Contest

Youngsters, interested in writing Santa Claus and winning a Schwinn bike may be happy to know that the deadline for the "Dear Santa" contest has been extended to Monday morning, December 24, 10 a.m.

This year, a boy's and girl's Schwinn bike will be given away to the boy and girl who write the best letter to Santa Claus, in the opinion of the judges.

Any youngster may enter the contest simply by writing a letter to Santa Claus and sending it to the Torrance Press. Any youngster from elementary school age through high school may enter. Letters should be sent to: Santa Contest, Torrance Press, 1406 Cravens Ave., Torrance.

The Schwinn bikes have been donated by the Torrance Cycle and Sports shop, 1421 Marcelina, Ben and Paul Smith owners, of the shop which has been established locally for about 30 years.

All letters will be turned over to Santa Claus eventually.

Any youngster living within the circulation area of the Torrance Press is eligible.

Some of the letters will be published from week to week.

There's no special topic on which to write—just write a letter to Santa.

NEWS BRIEFS

**REINSTATED:** L. J. Hallinger, chief accountant, deputy city clerk and deputy city treasurer, asked to be reinstated after submitting his resignation last week. The council approved.

**HOLLYWOOD RIVIERA:** The council acted to inform the State Division of Highways that they are opposed to closing the opening to Paseo de Gracia but not to the opening of Paseo del Parque.

**DECEMBER 24:** City employees will be given a holiday December 24. Only a skeleton crew will work. They will be given another day off. City Manager George Stevens' recommendation was approved by the council.

**LIBRARY COMMISSION:** Councilman Willys Blount appointed Mrs. John Crain of North Torrance to the commission. Mrs. Crain is a teacher.

**PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION:** Mayor Albert Isen appointed Lawrence Gitschier to the commission and reappointed Mrs. Herma Tillim whose term of office is about to expire. Councilman Willys Blount alone opposed Mrs. Tillim's appointment.

**FINE DAY:** Mayor Albert Isen congratulated the Torrance Police Department on its fine law enforcement against over-parked cars by publicly paying a fine which he received for the same reason the day after he returned from the east.

**CIVIL SERVICE:** A new civil service ordinance was submitted to the council by City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer. Mayor Albert Isen proposed that Remelmeyer meet with representatives of interested parties before the ordinance is (Turn to Page 14)

The Hungarian Revolt, A Bid For Freedom

The Hungarian revolt against Communism has aroused the attention of the world as few things have in recent times. The courageous fight for freedom is being tragically written in blood. A former Hungarian citizen now living in this area expresses his views on the matter in the second and final article published by the Torrance Press on Page 21.

North Torrance Area Talks Of Secession

North Torrance with its 25,000 population may annex to Gardena, according to John K. Kesson, president, North Torrance Civic Improvement Association. He said:

"North Torrance has more than one-third of the total population of the city of Torrance but as far as improvements are concerned, we rate as orphans. At a recent meeting of the Torrance city council, I told the city fathers that we were the world's largest orphanage. North Torrance is the most densely populated area but we can't get light signals at 166th

GRANDMA SAVES TOT FROM FIERY DEATH

THREE-YEAR-OLD SAVED FROM DEATH FOR SECOND TIME

A little three year old girl who nearly drowned a few months ago, was saved from death a second time when her grandmother ripped the dress which had caught on fire from her body.



AUROA ALVAREZ ... needs blood

In critical condition at Harbor General hospital is Auroa Alvarez of 2568 W. 235th st., Torrance, whose dress caught on fire while she was apparently playing with matches, according to relatives.

An urgent appeal for blood for little Auroa Alvarez was issued this week by Volunteers for Children. The blood is necessary to save the little girl's life. Donors may go to Harbor General hospital any time Mondays through Fridays from 10 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

Meeting Scheduled On Strike

Officials of the Union and National Supply are scheduled to meet with Commissioner Frederick J. Ferguson of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service this coming Monday, it was announced.

This will constitute the first such meeting since the outbreak of the strike a week ago Monday.

Mayor Albert Isen had also offered his services in helping to mediate the strike. The union expressed itself ready to "co-operate and participate" in any manner possible.

National Supply, while appreciative of the offer, felt that such actions should be taken through the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service which was handling the issue.

In the meantime, both the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers, International Union-CIO as well as the National Supply company spelled out their differences in detail through the medium of letters, circulars, and advertisements.

The company stated that it met with union officials October 18 to begin negotiations.

The union charges that the company was given 60 day notice to open negotiations (September 6) and that the company let 43 days elapse without action.

At that time the company submitted its Group Insurance proposal. The union was told that this would expire at midnight October 31, but the company extended the insurance for a month just a few hours before expiration, union officials stated.

The company, states on the other hand, that the union was not ready to finalize its position with respect to insurance until October 30.

This was necessary, the union claims, because of dissatisfaction (Turn to Page 14)

The grandmother, Mrs. Jenny Daurta, who lives across the street from the little girl, saw her running towards the house all in flames.

Mrs. Daurta rushed out toward Auroa, ripping the rest of her clothes from her body, seriously burning her own hand in the process.

Most of the dress had already been burned off. Only the front of the blouse was left. The little girl suffered critical burns over her whole body, except for her feet and face which were spared, it was reported.

Mrs. Daniel Perez and Mrs. Virginia Duarte rushed the little girl to the hospital for treatment. Mrs. Daurta, the grandmother, also received treatment for her hand.

Only a few months ago Mrs. Perez, and her son Alfred, 25, saved the little girl's life when she nearly drowned in a nearby reservoir.

Perez found the little girl, who had slipped into the reservoir, floating in the water and he rushed in after her. Although the girl's condition looked hopeless, Mrs. Perez administered artificial respiration until firemen arrived. To gether they revived her.

The little girl is one of six children. The mother and father work. The children are left with the grandmother during the day.

Bells That Jingle, Jangle

If you like to answer the phone, try running an ad in the Torrance Press—you'll be swamped with calls.

Mrs. Roy W. Brown, 1827 Santa Fe, who had a refrigerator for sale, knows. Her ad read:

7 CU FT. REFRIGERATOR—\$15. Leonard. Good condition. 1827 Santa Fe. FA. 8-6506

"I had 20 calls the day the Torrance Press came out," she said. "In fact, I kept getting calls."

Just call FA. 8-2345 and place your ad.

It's only \$1.30 for 15 words. If you come into the office and pay for it before the date of publication you earn a 30-cent cash discount.

has all been spent and very little of the aforementioned has been completed. It seems increasingly odd that North Torrance should have one 'field' for 25,000 persons and the rest of the city should have more than eight parks for 57,000 persons. The mathematical laws of proportion must have gone 'modern' recently.

Concluding his remarks, Kesson said:

"I am only carrying out the wishes of the residents of North Torrance who are coming to me daily and asking why we

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MODERN REINDEER . . . Santa Claus landed in downtown Torrance Saturday in a cloud of dust to the delight of hundreds of youngsters. Santa's modern sleigh—commonly referred to as a helicopter—was placed at his disposal by International Helicopter co. of Torrance. Santa, passing out lollipops, will be in downtown Torrance for the rest of the Yule season.—Press Photo.



EDITORIAL Fluoridation—A Sound Idea

The Torrance City Council will hold a hearing January 8 to discuss fluoridation of the city's water supply.

About two years ago the Torrance Press endorsed fluoridation and we do so again at this time.

The reasons are simple. The facts are compelling.

At present, 98% of the school children suffer tooth decay. Fluoridation reduces decay in youngsters from 35 to 65%.

Fluoridation is inexpensive on two counts. To begin with, it will only cost around 50 cents per family per year. This cost will go down after a few years.

The real saving, however, lies in the fewer dental bills families will have to pay.

Fluoridation is no longer experimental at this point. It has been proven effective. A total of 1200 communities amounting to 30 million people are using it—with no ill effects on anyone.

Fluoridation is not medicinal—it does not treat or cure. Rather, it is a preventive measure. It adds to the water supply one of its natural elements.

The process has received the wholehearted endorsement of groups like the American Dental association, the American Medical association, the American Public Health association, and the National Congress of PTAs, among others.

Opponents, as a rule, are the type of people who have fought every other worthwhile health measure—including the pasteurization of milk, chlorination of water, diphtheria toxoid, small pox vaccine, and a rabies law.

The U. S. Defense Department directed military bases where dependent children live to use fluoridation in their water supply. It was announced December 7.

We believe that this alone, is conclusive proof of the political, scientific, and medical soundness of fluoridation.

EL NIDO VOTES TO ANNEX TO TORRANCE

El Nido residents decided Tuesday to annex to Torrance by a vote of 74 to 42, it was announced at the meeting of the Torrance City Council.

A total of 116 out of 177 voters went to the polls. The El Nido area has a population of 531.

George Morehart, El Nido civic leader, appeared before the council, and, addressing the councilmen, stated:

"We have decided to annex not so much with the idea in mind of what we will derive from Torrance but what we will contribute."

Mayor Albert Isen replied:

"I welcome you on behalf of the City Council. I know that there has been high community spirit through your leadership."

Four-corner signals instead of overhanging signals will be installed at Torrance and Crenshaw boulevards as well as 190th street and Crenshaw boulevards, it was announced Tuesday at the City Council.

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NEW TYPE SIGNALS PLANNED

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Know Your Gold Seal Merchants

By DAVID MCGRAW

Gold Seal Merchants who are outstanding leaders in their particular fields have been selected for their integrity and honesty and are especially pledged to uphold the highest code of business ethics.

Displayed in their window will be a Gold Seal which is the symbol of satisfaction when shopping.



LEO C. STARK, a proud native son, who owns and operates Leo's Texaco Service at 23505 South Western Avenue, features Firestone tires, accessories and batteries at his reliable station, besides being an expert on brake reeling and adjusting. S&H green stamps are also given with all purchases, as well as for work done on cars. He also specializes in lubrication. Soon he will climax two successful years at his present location where satisfaction and courtesy are the motto. Leo is married to Geraldine Stark. He is a member of the Elk's lodge in Redondo, where he resides.



JAMES CASS, owner of Crescent Plumbing & Supply Co. at 2073 Pacific Coast Highway, has been established in Torrance over four years, formerly having been located in Manhattan Beach. Carrying a complete line of power equipment for contractors and home owners, he also specializes in leading nationally known plumbing fixtures, such as Standard Sanitary and Crane. Installations, where additions are being made, and repairing and remodeling, comprise in the main his plumbing activities. Sale and installation of water heaters are also an important part of his operation. He resides with his wife, Millicent, in Redondo Beach.

Council Deadlocks Again Over Touch-And-Go Strip

The proposed touch and go strip for the Torrance airport touched off some more talk and another deadlock at the meeting of the City Council Tuesday night.

When the matter came to a vote, Councilmen Willys Blount and Nick Drale voted in favor of the additional flight strip. Councilmen Victor Benstead and Bob Jahn voted against it, and Mayor Albert Isen abstained from voting.

Three airport commissioners, including Chairman Jack White, sought to convince the council that it should go along with the commission's recommendation of approval.

White indicated that the commission's recommendation was based on expert opinion and advice (CAA and Quinton Engineers) which should carry a lot of weight.

Councilman Jahn strongly questioned the advisability of such a strip without proper "control."

He charged that the present pattern is flown very loosely without proper thought.

Isen, abstaining from voting until he had more time to look to the matter, commended the Airport Commission for its efforts and criticized the airport manager for his lack of cooperation.

Isen indicated that he did not

More Off-Street Parking Available

Additional free off-street parking will be available effective today, it was announced by President John A. Ebbinghouse of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

The property is located on Cabrillo avenue just north of Paul's Chevrolet and will feature unlimited parking for Christmas shoppers.

Ebbinghouse stated that the property was made available through the courtesy of the M & M Transfer Co. The parking committee of the Chamber was instrumental in the negotiations.

Only 10 More Shopping Days Until Christmas